



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you will look back and realize they were the big things." ~ Anonymous

February 11, 2015

WonderLab Volunteer Training - Feb. 18, Mar. 11, May 11

Volunteers with the WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology encourage visitors of all ages to explore hands-on exhibits and programs. Volunteers include teens, college students, scientists, educators, business people, parents and senior adults. Teens must be at least in grade 7. Some volunteers bring a wide range of expertise; others learn new skills. Volunteers do not need a background in science as all training is provided. Attendance at a volunteer orientation is required. Upcoming orientations will be held: 5:30-7 p.m. on Feb. 18; 3:30-5 p.m. on Mar. 11; and 5:30-7 p.m. on May 20. Registration is required. Please contact Jeanne Gunning at (812) 337-1337 ext. 21 or jeanne@wonderlab.org. (www.wonderlab.org)

National Maple Syrup Festival Volunteers - March 5-8

The fifth-annual National Maple Syrup Festival in Brown County will be held March 5-8 at three venues - the Story Inn, downtown Nashville and Brown County State Park. The festival will feature tree tapping, sap boiling, incredible foods and unique drinks using maple syrup as an ingredient. Special events include cooking demonstrations, interpretive hikes, historic reenactments, and recipe contests. Friendly, flexible, capable volunteers are needed to make this year's festival a success. Minimum age is 18; 13 if with an adult. Register at www.browncounty.com/volunteer or contact Brittany Orlando at (812) 988-7303 or borlando324@gmail.com. (www.nationalmaplesyrupfestival.com)

Robotics Club Instructors

Robotics is a great way to get young people excited about science, technology, and math, all while having fun. Robotics Club instructors through the organization Cry of the Children help kids create a robot, from a kit or from scratch, on Saturdays or after school. You can volunteer for one or more sessions during the school semester or the summer three-week program. Volunteers should have some knowledge of robotics and an interest in working with children. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Dellsie Boddie at (812) 361-4059 or cryofthechildren@gmail.com. (www.cryofthechildren.com)

RSVP: Fix and Repair Toys and Equipment

The RSVP 55+ program is recruiting volunteers for the IU Campus Children's Center (CCC), which is seeking older volunteers to repair toys and hardware from preschool classrooms. Volunteers will do things like refinish tables, chairs and wooden toys, and replace handles or put new wheels on tricycles. The Center has an intergenerational focus, infusing classrooms with older volunteers so the children get to know and learn from the wisdom and experience of their elders. It would be ideal for the volunteer to make as many repairs with the children present and watching or helping as possible. Volunteers can schedule times to stop by the classrooms whenever the center is open (weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.) Please contact Rebecca Nunley at (812) 876-3383 ext. 523 or rsvp@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org/rsvp)

Fill the Gap! Meal Preparation at Community Kitchen

Volunteers make the Community Kitchen run by preparing and serving free meals Monday through Saturday. No previous experience is needed, just a willingness to help. The meal preparation shift, which requires six people, is from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. These volunteers make cold carry-out meals and lunches for after-school programs, slice and dice for the dinner meal, and do some cleaning and dishwashing. When inquiring about this opportunity - by email or phone - please provide your phone number. Minimum age is 14; 10 if accompanied by an adult. Please contact Debbie Hopson at (812) 332-0999 or debbie@monroecommunitykitchen.com. (www.monroecommunitykitchen.com)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Hinkle-Garton Farmstead-Bloomington Restorations

An 11-acre nonprofit farmstead with two homes and four outbuildings. It hosts exhibits and classes, and is usually open on the last Sat. of the month. The house and grounds are available for rent. To grant a wish, contact Danielle Bachant-Bell at hgvvolunteers@gmail.com or (812) 336-6141. (2920 E. 10th St.; www.bloomingtonrestorations.org)

Wishes: construction office trailer, parking bumpers, hand pruners, lopping pruners, plastic storage tubs

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

